Bhimkund Multi purpose Project, Orissa

110. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bhimkund multipurpose project in Orissa is likely to be implemented during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) if so, what is the total area of land that is likely to be brought under irrigation on the completion of the project; and

(c) the number of villages likely to be submerged in the process of implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The State Government has included this project as a new scheme of VIII Plan in their plan proposals.

(b) As envisaged in the project proposal it would irrigate an area of 40,500 hectares in addition to stabilisation of irrigation in Akkupada Delta.

(c) It is assessed that 117 villages would get affected due to impounding in the reservoir.

Preservation of Temples in Orissa

111. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an urgent need for the proper preservation of Sun Temple of Konark and Lord Jagannath temple at Puri in Orissa; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps taken during the last six months and proposed to be taken during the current financial year in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) and (b) The conservation of the Sun Temple Konark and Jagannath Temple Puri, in ORISSA is being carried out by the Archaeological Survey of India for over a decade.

In addition to the maintenance of the two monuments, in Jagannath temple the interior of the temple was inspected, analysed and some conservation works executed. The deplastering and repair of the main temple and a subsidiary shrine is in progress. the cracked and damaged stones are being replaced with new ones, and the surface chemically treated and preserved. The protective work at the Sun Temple, Konark consists of chemical treatment and preservation of the temple along with structural conservation.

Development of small and medium towns in Orissa

112. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount allocated to different Municipalities in Orissa for implementing centrally sponsored Integrated Development of small and medium towns in that State in the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the amount allocated for that purpose has not been properly spent;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what are the details of the amount received by each Municipality in Orissa from the Centre and to what extent the amount has been spent and